Wilmington Oct. 6th 1879

Dear Dr. Gray

Yours of 2nd inst. received.
I paid $9.50 on the N. Zealand
box of which I suppose about $2.50
would be the proportion for your pack-
age as to size. They charge fearfully
on the U. P. R.R.

Thanks for promised reading
of which I shall give Darby to
Chessman whose specimens are lovely:
and what odd things they turn them—
Veronica bushes & the like.

I enclose Parry's letter to show how
swimmingly we are getting on now.

Here is also a fragment just received
from Mellichamp who says of it. "This
plant ---- is becoming the pest of the
rice fields; it comes up as one told
me like "ants", and if it once gets above

the water it is extremely difficult
to destroy it."

I take it to be a Melochia but the species I am uncertain about.

Thanks to you for late no. of "botanical contributions" — but you still persist in calling Seaford "Oxford". in the description of Elephantopus ~~tomentosus~~ mollis.

When you write again please remember me to Mr. Ravenel and the rest of Mr. Ravenel and the young ladies: and my regards to all.

See what a thing it is to carry farm with the ladies. Mrs. Byrnes is going to send me a "mica ornamental". Think of that and wish for mine — but perhaps you are going to get one too.

Ever truly
J. M. Canby